Government of Saskatchewan

Annual Report

1984

Saskatchewan Horse Racing Commission

Saskatchewan

The Honourable Dr. Lorne Hepworth
Minister of Agriculture
Province of Saskatchewan

Sir:

Presented herewith is the First Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Horse Racing Commission for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1984.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Anderson, Chairman
Saskatchewan Horse Racing Commission

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 1984

It is a pleasure to present this first annual report of the Saskatchewan Horse Racing Commission.

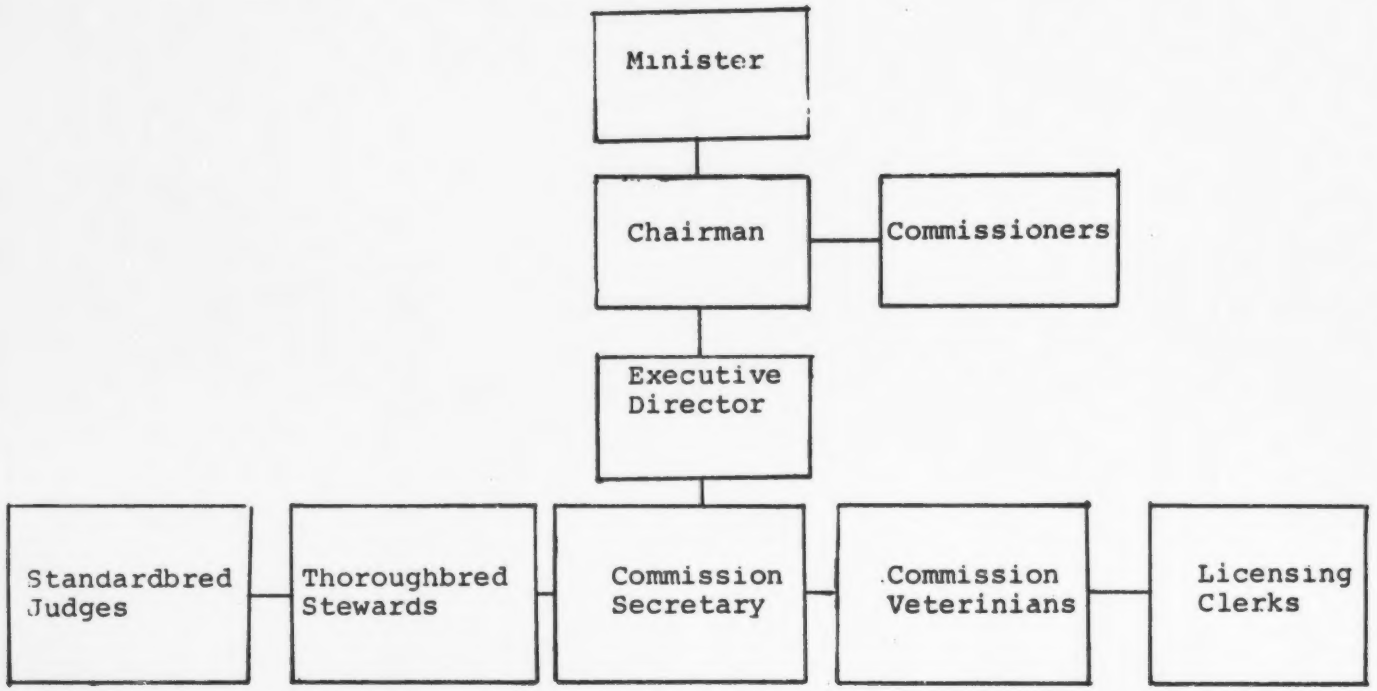
Certainly 1984 has been a development year for the Commission and all members wish to take this opportunity to express sincere appreciation to the many individuals and organizations who provided such generous assistance throughout the year.

Horse racing meets were conducted in Regina and Saskatoon and were offered for the full Saskatchewan race season. Shorter duration meets were conducted in Melville, Moose Jaw and Hudson Bay.

The decline of the pari-mutual handles is an obvious concern and every possible effort must be made by all members of the Saskatchewan racing industry to jointly address this issue and together plan and work for its resolve.

Al Anderson, Chairman
Saskatchewan Horse Racing Commission

ORGANIZATION CHART



The Saskatchewan Horse Racing Commission operates under the authority of The Horse Racing Commission Act. The objectives of the Horse Racing Commission are to direct and regulate horse racing in Saskatchewan in any or all of its forms. A primary objective of the commission is to maintain the integrity of horse racing in the province.

The commission performs a number of regulatory functions. The principle functions are:

- approving race dates
- licensing all people involved in horse racing
- supervising horse racing in the province
- assisting in the development of horse racing in Saskatchewan
- hearing appeals on judges and stewards' rulings

The commission is comprised of five individuals who are appointed for a period of five years. The chairman is Alton B. Anderson, Saskatoon and E. Robert Stromberg, Q.C. of Saskatoon is vice-chairman. The other commissioners are Bonnie J. Eiserman, Maple Creek; Andrew T. Paterson, Regina and Wayne Steadman, Regina.

The commission employed two full time employees in 1984, Leary Claypool, Executive Director and Joanne Pomazon, Secretary.

The commission also employed three thoroughbred stewards, three standardbred judges, two veterinarians, three licensing clerks and one private investigator for the racing season.

During the year under review, the commission met fifteen times and heard eleven appeals of the judges' and stewards' rulings, of these ten were denied. The Commission held five hearings for license applications, three licensee's were refused a license.

The commission in 1984 issued 1163 licenses for thoroughbred racing, 725 for standardbred racing, 181 for quarter horse and appaloosa racing and 552 in miscellaneous categories.

In 1984 there were a total of 174 race dates and 1725 races with a total pari-mutual handle of $16,368,529 and purse money totalling $2,138,200. Total attendance was 166,829 people.

TABLE 1: 1984 RACING STATISTICS BY LOCATION

	NO. PEOPLE ATTENDING	NO. RACES RUN	NO. RACE DAYS HELD	PURSES DISTRIBUTED $	PARI-MUTUEL BETS $
HUDSON BAY	503	16	2	$ 8,200.00	$ 4,692.00
MELVILLE	3,350	25	3	15,900.00	31,822.00
MOOSE JAW	2,999	49	6	26,800.00	105,692.00
REGINA	68,141	753	75	916,880.50	7,050,308.00
SASKATOON	91,836	882	88	1,170,420.00	9,176,015.00
TOTAL	166,829	1,725	174	$2,138,200.50	$16,368,529.00

TABLE 2: RACING STATISTICS BY BREED

	NO. PEOPLE ATTENDING	NO. RACES RUN	NO. RACE DAYS HELD	PURSES DISTRIBUTED $	PARI-MUTUEL BETS $
QUARTER HORSE/ APPALOOSA	4,695	57	7	$ 34,000.00	$ 59,824.00
STANDARDBRED	68,799	850	85	718,142.50	6,456,890.00
THOROUGHBRED	93,335	818	82	1,386,058.00	9,851,815.00
TOTAL	166,829	1,725	174	$2,138,200.50	$16,368,529.00

TABLE 3: BREAKDOWN OF PURSES AND PARI-MUTUEL BETS BY LOCATION AND BREED

	PURSES			PARI-MUTUEL BETS		
	QUARTER HORSE/ APPALOOSA $	STANDARD BRED $	THOROUGH BRED $	QUARTER HORSE/ APPALOOSA $	STANDARD BRED $	THOROUGH BRED $
HUDSON BAY	$ 8,200.00	$ -	-	$ 4,692.00	-	-
MELVILLE	15,900.00	-	-	31,822.00	-	-
MOOSE JAW	9,900.00	16,900.00	-	23,310.00	82,382.00	-
REGINA	-	336,242.50	580,638.00	-	-	-
TRACK	-	-	-	-	2,444,019.00	3,359,277.00
INTER-TRACK	-	-	-	-	604,301.00	642,711.00
SASKATOON	-	365,000.00	805,420.00	-	-	-
TRACK	-	-	-	-	2,858,355.00	4,772,968.00
INTER-TRACK	-	-	-	-	467,833.00	1,076,859.00
TOTAL	$34,000.00	$718,142.50	$1,386,058.00	$59,824.00	$6,456,890.00	$9,851,815.00

SASKATCHEWAN HORSE RACING COMMISSION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1984

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL AUDITOR

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly
of Saskatchewan

I have examined the balance sheet of the Saskatchewan Horse Racing Commission as at December 31, 1984 and the statement of revenue, expenditure and operating surplus for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Commission as at December 31, 1984 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with the disclosed basis of accounting.

Regina, Saskatchewan
January 29, 1985

W.G. Lutz, F.C.A.,
Provincial Auditor.

Statement 1

SASKATCHEWAN HORSE RACING COMMISSION

BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31

	1984
ASSETS	
Current	
Cash	$ 7,177
Term deposits	288,518
Accounts receivable	6,780
Prepaid expense	4,702
	307,177
Furniture and equipment	3,328
	$310,505
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Current	
Accounts payable	$113,301
Equity	
Operating surplus - Statement 2	193,876
Fixed assets	3,328
	197,204
	$310,505

(See accompanying notes)

Statement 2

SASKATCHEWAN HORSE RACING COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND OPERATING SURPLUS

For the Year Ended December 31

	1984
Revenue	
Province of Saskatchewan grants	$1,790,000
Licenses and assessments	47,807
Interest	26,066
Fines	7,475
Other revenue	2,023
Total revenue	1,873,371
Expenditure	
Administration	
Salaries and benefits	199,096
Professional services	48,139
Commissioners' expenses	31,250
Automobile and travel	22,821
Supplies	21,173
Sundry	27,043
Purchase of fixed assets	3,328
	352,850
Grants	1,124,477
Security expenditures	170,088
Appeals expense	11,705
Donations	10,225
Other	10,150
	1,326,645
Total expenditure	1,679,495
Excess of revenue over expenditure	193,876
Operating surplus, beginning of year	-
Operating surplus, end of year - Statement 1	$ 193,876

(See accompanying notes)

SASKATCHEWAN HORSE RACING COMMISSION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 1984

1. Significant Accounting Policies

a) The Saskatchewan Horse Racing Commission utilizes a fund accounting basis wherein fixed asset purchases appear in the statement of revenue and expenditure as an expense. To maintain accountability for fixed assets, it is necessary to record them as a balance sheet asset with a corresponding entry to "Equity in Fixed Assets." As asset purchases and sales appear in the statement of revenue and expenditure, no provision is made for depreciation on fixed assets.

b) Revenue of the commission includes sums appropriated by the Legislature and received from the Department of Agriculture.

2. Status of Commission

The Saskatchewan Horse Racing Commission was established by The Horse Racing Commission Act which was proclaimed December 15, 1983. The Commission has the powers to govern, direct, control, regulate and assist the horse racing industry in Saskatchewan.

3. Commissioners' Renumeration

Included in commissioners' expenses, appeals expense and other are commissioners' renumeration of $37,477 paid to five commissioners.